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REVIEW OF BASKETBALL

Buff and Blue Quintet Gets Late Start—Loses Early Contests—Defeats R. P. I. and Brown

By winning a decisive victory over the strong Brown University quintet on March 10, the Buff and Blue basketball team closed a fairly successful season in a satisfactory manner. The great improvement in teamwork was evidenced by the fact that the Hamilton five won three out of the last five games played, losing the other two contests by three points each.

Much was expected of the team at the beginning of the season. A great deal of excellent material was discovered during the class basketball tournament. The squad was large and frequent practices were held. Although the team fought hard in all of the twelve games played, a winning combination was not developed until the end of the season. Of the dozen games on the schedule, four resulted in victories for Hamilton. The remaining eight were lost by close scores in most instances.

The first game of the season was played at Colgate on Jan. 11. The heavy and experienced Maroon five defeated the Buff and Blue quintet by a score of 41-26. Hamilton fought hard, specially in the second half to overcome a large lead, but were unable to chalk up a victory. Two days later, the Varsity defeated the University of Rochester five on the home court. Rochester led by six points at the end of the first half, but a whirlwind rally in the second period gave Hamilton the long end of a 31-26 score.

On Jan. 18, Hamilton lost the third game of the season to Clarkson by a score of 20-15. The Buff and Blue failed to get started at all, the game being a slow one and poorly played by both teams. Hamilton lost to the strong Syracuse University five the following Saturday. The Buff and Blue teamwork was excellent, but Capt. Stern's men were unable to locate the basket. The final score was 29-11.

Hamilton's fifth contest was scheduled for Feb. 4. On that date, the Varsity traveled to Schenectady and lost to the strong Union quintet by a 27-12 score. An eastern trip was made the following week when the Buff and Blue met Amherst and Wesleyan. Amherst defeated the Varsity on Feb. 10. The Varsity led by seven points in the first five minutes of play, but an injury to Garner handicapped them. The final score was 31-25. Wesleyan ran away with the game the following evening, winning by a 38-24 score in spite of a strong Buff and Blue rally in the final period.

The Oberlin College team was Hamilton's next opponent. The Western five defeated the Varsity by a 25-22 score in one of the fastest and best played games of the season. The following evening, Feb. 18, Hamilton defeated the strong R. P. I. team by the close score of 30-29. The game was extremely fast, McGiffin's foul point winning for Hamilton in the last minute of play.

On March 1, Hamilton clashed a second time with Colgate. The Buff and Blue showed a great improvement over their work in the first contest

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FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 30 Williams at Williams-town
Oct. 7 Rochester at Clinton
Oct. 14 Stevens Tech at Hoboken
Oct. 21 R. P. I. at Clinton
Oct. 28 Alfred at Clinton
Nov. 4 St. Lawrence at Clinton
Nov. 11 Union at Schenectady

VACHEL LINDSAY TO GIVE MYERS LECTURE

Famous Poet Will Speak in Chapel on March 27—Author of "Congo" and "Handbook for Beggars" Has Had Interesting Career

The last of the Myers lectures of this year will be given in the College Chapel next Monday evening by Vachel Lindsay, famous among English-speaking peoples as one of the greatest of modern poets and a lecturer of exceptional charm. Mr. Lindsay's poems and articles are in demand by the best of contemporary periodic literature both in this country and England, and whenever his work appears critics are loud in its praise.

Mr. Lindsay has had a varied and remarkable career. His early life was spent in his native city of Springfield, Illinois, where he lived until his graduation from high school. Then for three years he was a student at Hiram College, in Ohio. Art held an appeal for him and from 1900 to 1903 he studied at the Art Institute in Chicago, following this with a two year course at the New York School of Art. For several years after completing his studies Mr. Lindsay occupied a prominent position on the lecture platforms of the West Side Y. M. C. A. in New York and in Springfield. When in 1909 and 1910 there was considerable agitation in Illinois over the temperance question, Mr. Lindsay made a lecture tour as a representative of the Anti-Saloon League of that state.

He has always been an ardent exponent of what he calls "The Gospel of Beauty." In the summer of 1912 he travelled on foot from Illinois to New Mexico preaching this "gospel" and distributing his "rhymes." His charming account of this journey with its adventures has been published in book form. Mr. Lindsay is a leader of the revolt against the "roll-top desk" side of American life, and in a delightful volume, "The Handbook for Beggars," he expresses his beliefs on this subject and speaks of the rules which should govern poets who are compelled to resort to begging for a livelihood.

Of Vachel Lindsay, critics say that he is poetry's finest vocal interpreter. This criticism is well upheld by the fact that the poet has recited his works in hundreds of colleges and universities. His life has given him an intimate touch with men and their ways which his genius has led him to transform into verse of great beauty. This gift of Mr. Lindsay's leads the London Spectator to call him the "Rodin of American Poetry."

There will be a college dinner in Commons Thursday, March 23. An important meeting of the Undergraduate Association follows, and all men are urged to attend.

DR. SHAPLEY GIVES LECTURE

Famous Astronomer Speaks in Commons Hall—Explains the Stellar System

MANY ATTEND

One of the most unusual and interesting of the recent Myers lectures was that delivered by Dr. Harlow Shapley, of the Harvard Observatory, in Commons Hall last Wednesday evening. Dr. Shapley is one of the most noted astronomers in the country and has published many books and articles on astronomy. He presented his material to his audience in a most entertaining manner and in such terms that the astronomically ignorant mind might easily grasp.

Dr. Shapley chose for his topic "The Dimensions of the Stellar Universe." He began by relating the different theories that man has had of the universe throughout the ages. At first it was the geocentric theory, and then, when man began to travel about, the lococentric theory came into prominence. This soon gave way to the geocentric theory; then along came Copernicus with his heliocentric theory. And now the sun is no longer considered the center of the universe.

The lecture was illustrated with slides, which Dr. Shapley carefully explained. Pictures of the observatories at Mt. Wilson and at Harvard gave some idea of the intensive study of the heavens that is going on. At Mt. Wilson there is a huge spectro-scope devoted to the study of the sun alone, and another for the study of the stars.

The sun is the only lively thing in our solar system. It is our nearest and biggest star. The diagram which compared the earth to the sun showed how much larger the sun is and how insignificant is our "earth." Most of our knowledge of the sun is gained from its spectrum, which depends largely upon laboratory physics. The moon is dead. There is no atmosphere on it. Some of its craters, plainly visible in the illustrations, are one hundred miles in diameter. All the planets are unimportant, for they are merely parasites of the sun. Saturn is gaseous, but none of the light is self-generated. Besides the planets, there are in our solar system asteroids, some of which were discovered by Dr. Peters, a former professor of astronomy at Hamilton College.

Astronomers, however, are mostly concerned with the formations outside our atmosphere, with such constellations as the Pleiades, with all the clusters, and nebulae. Meteors are in our own atmosphere, and are not falling stars, as we wish to call them. The spiral nebulae is an enigma. It was once thought to be another system like ours. The Andromeda nebula, however, moves toward us with great velocity.

At first, the distance of the sun was taken as the astronomical unit of measurement, but this was not big enough when measuring the distance to the Pleiades, so a light year was taken as the unit. The distance of such a year is nearly six billion miles. An object known as NGC7006, the farthest known object, is two hundred twenty thousand light years away.

SOCCER SCHEDULE

Sept. 30 Clark Mills at Clinton
Oct. 7 Sherrill at Clinton
Oct. 11 U. S. M. A. at West Point
Oct. 21 Syracuse at Clinton
Oct. 28 Williams at Williams-town
Nov. 4 R. P. I. at Clinton

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL VOTES APPROPRIATION

Approves Proposal to Send Team to Penn Relays—Hockey Letters Awarded

It was decided by the Executive Council at its last meeting, Monday evening, March 13th, that no man be allowed to compete for a position on the hockey team until he has been regularly enrolled in college for at least one year. This "one-year residence" rule was passed with a view toward conforming to the regulations of the Intercollegiate Hockey Association, composed of Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Princeton, University of Pennsylvania, Cornell, and Dartmouth. It was further resolved that the hockey management exert every effort to formally enroll Hamilton in this association.

Bennett, manager of hockey, reported a deficit of \$142.90 for the past season over the appropriation of \$1500. A gross appropriation of \$1765, and a net appropriation of \$925, was granted for the season of 1922-1923. The Council voted to award hockey letters to R. J. R. Reeder, R. G. Reeder, W. Thompson, W. Marlow, L. D. Bates, R. Thompson, and H. Yates.

Cannon, manager of track, was granted an appropriation of \$831.50 for the current season. The Council also granted an appropriation of \$235 to send six men, including the manager, to the Penn Relays, to be held on April 28th and 29th. The appropriation was granted under the stipulation that these men return to college for practice on the Tuesday before college opens after the Easter recess.

Loveland, manager of baseball, introduced the matter of Junior managerships in baseball, track, and intramural sports, instead of Senior managerships and Junior assistant-managerships. It was decided to again present this plan to the college body and to permit the college body to take definite action on the matter at a college dinner to be held in the Hall of Commons on Thursday evening, March 23rd. The Council decided not to have competition for the managerships of these three sports during the spring of 1922.

DeWitt, manager of intramural sports, reported a loss of \$560.95 on the 1921 soccer season. The 1922 schedule of four intercollegiate and two exhibition games was approved. A gross appropriation of \$1091 and a net appropriation of \$841 was granted for the season of 1922.

It was resolved that season tickets for all intercollegiate contests be given to the trustees, the members of the faculty, and the alumni members of the Executive Council for the use of themselves and their families.

The Council granted the request of Burns, leader of the Glee Club, and Langtry, leader of the Instrumental Club, that the Musical Clubs be permitted to take thirty-six instead of

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DEBATERS WIN FROM LAFAYETTE

Hamilton Team Defeats Pennsylvanians in Triangular Contest—Loses to Union

The Hamilton debate team defeated Lafayette College in the Chapel last Friday evening in one of the contests of the triangular debates between Hamilton, Union, and Lafayette. The question brought up before an audience of three hundred was whether or not the principle of the closed shop is justifiable. The team from Easton, upholding the affirmative, was composed of Herbert R. Brown, '24, Roswell P. Barnes, '24, and O. Jacob Tallman, '24, with Henry R. Douglas, Jr., as alternate. Westbrook, '22, Burke, '23, Kibler, '22, and Spencer, '23, as alternate, composed the Hamilton team.

The debate was progressive from the very start and both sides advanced strong arguments with each successive speaker. The Lafayette speakers had excellent delivery and succeeded in bringing out clearly their series of arguments. Brown, the first speaker on the affirmative, traced a brief history of the question and established proof of the necessity of unions. The second affirmative speaker attempted to prove that the principle of the closed shop was justifiable because under this system, collective bargaining has been successful in this and other countries. He showed the necessity of having an effective organization in order to have collective bargaining, but the main flaw in his argument was the fact that he made collective bargaining and the closed shop synonymous. Tallman, the last speaker of the Lafayette team advanced several strong arguments for the closed shop, bringing out the fact that under the closed shop, the workman has a voice in the making of the conditions under which he will or will not work, while in the open shop, the employer has too much power in regulating working conditions.

The Hamilton team based its proposition on three arguments, namely: that the closed shop was inimical to the employee, to the employer, and to the public at large. Westbrook as first speaker on the negative, skillfully showed the ease of the non-union worker, and the unfairness of the policy to him. Burke as next speaker managed to establish substantial proof for the second argument by showing the irresponsibility of the unions because they are not incorporated under the law. He also showed the false reasoning of the "lump of work" theory upon which the workman bases the justification of the closed shop policy. Kibler showed the audience the unfairness of the system to the public.

In the rebuttal speeches, both teams were fairly evenly matched. In some cases individual examples were overthrown by both sides but the Hamilton debaters enjoyed a slight edge on their opponents in this phase of the contest. The affirmative repeated several times and failed to overthrow the main arguments of the negative.

When the votes of the judges were counted, Hamilton was credited with two votes to Lafayette's one. The judges of the debate were Rev. R. S. Snyder, D.D. of Utica, Dr. Earl E.

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Philo N. McGiffin, '23.

The Sin of Provincialism.

What is the average Hamilton undergraduate interested in? One sometimes wonders just how wide his mental horizon really is. A well-known college president has given his institution much free advertising by condemning in no indefinite terms certain tendencies of his students. It is hard to believe that Hamilton College suffers from too many house-parties, motor-cars, etc. We are too far from Broadway to call down upon our heads any such denunciation as President Hibben of Princeton directed at his undergraduate body.

The very fact that we are nine miles from Utica, located near an interesting but by no means lively suburb, impels us to ask ourselves the question, Are we too self-centered, too provincial, too far removed from metropolitan influences and the accompanying cultural benefits? Do Hamilton men take enough interest in the things happening outside the college in the larger world of affairs beyond the Hill? Do we keep up with the times, interest ourselves in the news of the day, formulate opinions and not prejudices on politics, religion, and music?

As a matter of course, the average student has little time to devote to a study of things pertaining to outside affairs. Most of us have a hard enough job as it is, staying in this institution of learning without accumulating an overpowering number of delinquencies. We consider ourselves lucky if we can play football, or sing on the Glee Club, or compete for some managerial position, and at the same time acquire enough hours to keep us in college. As a result of such interests, we are bound to become self-centered.

In order to develop to the best advantage, a man ought to have some interest in politics, literature, and drama. He should read something beside the sporting page of a newspaper and follow to some extent the latest political developments at Albany and Washington. The undergraduate should try and find time to read not only extensively but appreciatively typical works of the better modern authors. A man might think that he could postpone such reading until he has obtained a degree and has "more time for such stuff". But if he does not do it in college, he never will. When he is graduated, business and professional duties will come first. The Hamilton man should also learn to appreciate good plays. Several of undoubted merit have appeared in Utica this winter.

We have plenty of opportunity to develop ourselves to advantage. Can we fairly say that we have tried to get at least some idea of present-day problems and present-day culture? P. N. M.

The Sixth Commandment.

The question of appropriating lights from various buildings around the campus is an old one. During the football season, the men on the squad were handicapped by the fact that the locker room was minus a goodly share of bulbs. The Chapel always suffered from undergraduate raids until our enterprising Bursar affixed lock-sockets to the lights. Now Silliman Hall is beginning to be affected by this petty thievery. Bulbs are disappearing with aggravating frequency.

This habit of stealing lights is pretty poor stuff. Some fellows may think they are getting away with something by thus "hooking" property belonging to others. As a matter of fact, they are only cheapening themselves and degrading the standards of the college. No man who comes to Hamilton is so poor that he can't find money enough to outfit his rooms with the proper lighting apparatus. P. N. M.

MUSICAL CLUBS

PLAN WESTERN TRIP

Present indications point to an exceptionally successful season for Hamilton's Musical Clubs. Manager Wendell George has met with a generous response from alumni and has been enabled to arrange several concerts in localities where Hamilton representatives have not appeared for years. A western trip, heretofore a thing much talked of, but never fully realized, has been definitely scheduled for the Easter vacation. This trip will include concerts at Syracuse, Buffalo, Youngstown, and Cleveland, and cannot but meet the unqualified approval of both alumni and undergraduates.

The weekend of March 24 will see the Clubs on a trip to the southern part of the state. Concerts will be given at Oneonta and Oxford. On Wednesday evening, March 29, the annual Utica concert will be held in the ball-room of the Hotel Utica.

Leaders Burns and Langtry are devoting a great deal of time and effort to making the program the best possible. Both clubs are practising several times each week so that everything will be in readiness for these concerts. The Glee Club has added "Mammy's Lullaby" by Lee S. Roberts to its repertoire and this selection will be in pleasing contrast to the more stirring "Winter Song" which proved to be such a success at the Clinton concert. The Glee Quartet has new songs that will add another attraction to its number. The Instrumental Club is receiving music straight from Broadway so that it will be able to present the latest and best.

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"Who Was John Hancock?"

JOHN HANCOCK was an American statesman and patriot. His signature is found on the oldest and most important documents of Massachusetts, and of the United States. He was the first signer of the Declaration of Independence and was the first Governor of Massachusetts.

John Hancock was born at Quincy, Massachusetts, in 1737. He graduated from Harvard College, and entering upon his uncle's business became a successful merchant in Boston. He gained much in social power and in wealth, being meanwhile justly popular for his integrity and ability.

He was in 1765-1770 a selectman of Boston and a member of the general court. With Samuel Adams he led the Massachusetts Whigs, and only escaped capture at Lexington and Concord by virtue of the valiant fight by the Minute Men on the "Nineteenth of April in '75."

John Hancock was subsequently known in various positions: as President of the Continental Congress, as Major-General of the Massachusetts military forces, as President of the Constitutional Convention. He died at Quincy, Massachusetts, October eighth, 1793.

The historical position of John Hancock is unique in State and Nation. He wielded great political influence but was always liberal and public-spirited. His name is most prominent as a Whig leader during the American Revolution in such events as the Boston Massacre, the Boston Tea Party and the battles of Lexington and Concord.

John Hancock signed his name first to the Declaration of Independence. He thus risked his own "life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness" that these privileges might be obtained for others to enjoy. To this end he "pledged his life, his fortune, and his sacred honor."

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GARNER ELECTED BASKETBALL CAPTAIN

At a meeting of the basketball team held last Friday, Maynard S. Garner of New York City was chosen to lead the Buff and Blue quintet for the coming season. Garner has played center on the Varsity basketball team for the past two years and fairly earned the captaincy by his brilliant work. He has starred in practically every game during the past season, his speedy floor game and fast, accurate passing proving the greatest factor in the Buff and Blue offense.

Although rangy in build, Garner is not particularly tall, and in many games has been pitted against men superior in size. He has given a good account of himself against all, securing the tipoff repeatedly. This was especially apparent in the first game of the season when the Buff and Blue center consistently out-jumped the giant Mosier of Colgate.

Garner was center and captain of the Dunbar High School five of Washington, D. C. He attended Howard University and while there played basketball two years. Garner, although only a sophomore, was captain-elect of the Howard University quintet when he transferred to Hamilton in the fall of 1920. He is the first colored athlete that has ever been elected to the captaincy of a Buff and Blue team.

HAMILTON WINS DEBATE

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Sperry, Professor of European History in Syracuse University, and Hon. Clarence E. Stetson, Attorney-at-law in Utica. Professor Lewis acted as chairman. Nine minutes were allowed for the advance speeches and six minutes for the rebuttal speeches.

The Hamilton team composed of Smalley, '22, Fuess, '24, and Briggs, '25, was defeated at Union while the latter were defeated at Lafayette. It is interesting to note that all teams upholding the affirmative side of the question lost. The three colleges consequently ended on even terms.

—W. H. Forshay, '21, is now the instructor of Mathematics and French at the De Veaux School at Niagara Falls, N. Y.

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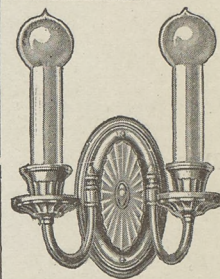
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Aintjanoticed all the cute red and pink signs that the Musical Clubs ass-managers are posting around, telling how they'll be eternally overjoyed to get anything at any time for any one, etc., in Ute? We'd casually suggest that one of them take a trip some day and get a few masks, and some hair-oil remover, and a couple o' dozen voices, and maybe perhaps a new Quart-ette. These ass-managers sure provide amusement at a concert when Ogilvie gets pushing a piano in one direction and Jones in the other. Sort of makes the ponderous Vail the deciding factor.

Now that Bill Farrand has taken up a conscientious study of the Book of Etiquette, what else is there left for civilization and Modern Democracy to bring forth?

Carpe Diem herewith offers sincerest congratulations to Dr. Bonham. But—will he have to keep a notebook?

Anybody noticed the new Giant Triumvirate of ChiPsi—Weld, Toaz, and Sessions? The chapter should have a lot of difficulty with three children on its hands. And geometrically speaking, have you noticed how the football managership has depreciated? It's quite a step down from Grant Keehn to Freddy Weld.

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And there you are—ask any of them and they'll admit it.

Again we howl—when is Pills going to fix that ash-pile-walk of his? We suggest that fifty dollars of the Endowment money be appropriated—or else let's take up a collection in Chapel. Last fall he had six planks there, probably as a sort of jumping pit—and now four of them are gone. If the Dekes or Beta Kaps swiped Pills' walk for firewood, they ought to be ostracised—but when all is said and done, we still wade past his house.

Now for a concrete suggestion. There is nothing doing to amuse our young minds until May in the line of athletic endeavor. And we'll all get in a lot of studying—maybe. But to break up this month and a half, Carpe suggests that the Musical Clubs throw a big dance after their Utica performance. How about it?

And we'll all promise not to cut Chapel next morning.

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For the greater part the road is to be 24 feet wide, and will be corrugated every six inches for heavy trucking and teams. For a short distance the highway will be 16 feet in width. The new roadway will be unique in New York State due to the unusual grade to be encountered. It will begin at the Clinton village line near the Oriskany Creek and will run up to the western end of the college property, the distance in all being a little over a mile and a half. The contract calls for catch basins and reinforced concrete curbing on either side of the roadway for the entire distance.

It has been largely through the efforts of Supervisor Roberts of Clinton and local representatives in the Senate and Assembly, who first took the matter concerning the poor condition of the road before a state committee, that initial steps were taken. Later the state committee accepted the proposition and the proposed highway has been placed on the official map of the state.

During the summer the board of supervisors held a hearing in regard to the road, and Elihu Root, '64, appeared before them and urged the construction be undertaken due to necessity. After investigation the board passed a resolution of public necessity which was adopted by the State Highway Department. Since then the board of Supervisors has passed a resolution appropriating the necessary amount of the 35% cost which the county has to stand. The state pays the remaining 65%.

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with the Maroon, and lost by three points, the final score being 25-22. On Saturday, March 4, Rochester was again defeated by a score of 31-27. As before, the Yellow and Black lead in the first half, but the Buff and Blue's strong rally in the final period gave them the victory.

Hamilton crushed the Brown quintet in the final game of the season, played March 10. The Bears were completely outclassed, the Buff and Blue showing brilliant passwork and accurate basket-shooting.

Coach Prettyman had charge of the squad early in the season. After the Union game, Artie Campbell, '21, coached the team with success, much of the creditable showing made in the later games being due to his work. The only man lost from the team this year by graduation is Capt. Stern, whose work at guard has been especially brilliant.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETS

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thirty-three men on the trips during the season of 1922. George, manager of the Musical Clubs, was allowed an appropriation of \$350 as a maximum loss for this season.

Getman, manager of the 1921 football team, reported a loss of \$669.62 during the past season. Weld, the present manager, presented a schedule of seven games, which was approved. In order to cover current expenses, he was granted a temporary allowance of \$200, in advance of the regular appropriation.

—Walter G. Miller, '06, once of Dolgeville, formerly a reporter on the Utica Press and later with the Guaranty Trust Company of New York for several years, has resigned his position there and is now with the National Budget Committee as editor of their magazine.

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